

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 23-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants have canceled rejected claims 23-38 and have submitted new claims 40 - 67. The subject matter of the presently submitted new claims are statutory.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 23-28, 30-35, 38, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smart et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0208691 (“Smart”) in view of Bouve et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0021930 (“Bouve”).

Claims 29 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smart and Bouve as applied to claim 28 above, and further in view of I’Anson et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0059196.

Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smart and Bouve as applied to claim 23 above, and further in view of Okuda et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0001099.


Smart is directed to securely printing documents based on print jobs sent over a network. Bouve is directed to a database accessible by a user to locate items of interest. I’Anson is directed to a comparison shopping assistance service. Okuda is directed to a printing service.

None of the prior art of record pertains to a network service for facilitating its members to provide complete collaborative services to customers. The prior art of record does not disclose validating memberships in such a service, or for maintaining a central repository for services performed with associated fees owed, for example. Hence, applicants believe that all of the pending new claims are allowable over the prior art.

In view of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

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